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SUBJECT: INCLUSION OF TREATMENT OF CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS IN
OUR BILATERAL TAX TREATY WITH ITALY

1. I HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT BEGINNING NEXT MONDAY, DECEMBER 19,
THERE WILL BE ANOTHER (AND HOPEFULLY FINAL) NEGOTIATING SESSION WITH
THE
ITALIANS, IN WASHINGTON, ON THE DOUBLE TAXATION TREATY. YOU WILL
RECALL THAT DURING YOUR VISIT TO ROME BOTH JOHN D'ARMS FROM THE
AMERICAN
ACADEMY AND I RAISED THE POSSIBILITY WITH YOU OF EXPANDING OUR
CURRENT TREATIES TO INCLUDE THE TAX TREATMENT OF CULTURAL
INSTITUTIONS. I HOPE THAT YOU CAN ASK YOUR STAFF TO RAISE THIS
ISSUE WITH THE ITALIAN DELEGATION NEXT WEEK. I UNDERSTAND YOUR
STAFF IS WELL BRIEFED ON THIS MATTER.

2. YOU WILL RECALL THAT DURING ANDREOTTI'S VISIT TO THE U.S.
HE AND PRESIDENT CARTER AGREED TO INCREASE CULTURAL EXCHANGE
BETWEEN OUR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES. SINCE THE U.S. ESCHEWS THE USE OF
CULTURAL TREATIES WHICH MOST OTHER NATIONS ROUTINELY USE AND UNDER
WHICH FOREIGN CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS LIKE THE FRENCH OR BRITISH
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ACADEMIES, ETC. ARE PROTECTED, I BELIEVE IT PERFECTLY APPROPRIATE
TO MAKE AN EFFORT TO EXTEND THE SCOPE OF THE TAX TREATY WITH ITALY
TO MEET A NEED WHICH, AT THE PRESENT TIME SEEMS TO BE GROWING IN
IMPORTANCE. WHILE I RECOGNIZE THE UNPRECEDENTED NATURE OF THIS IDEA,
I BELIEVE THE ANOMALOUS SITUATION OF AMERICAN CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS
IN ITALY, AND PERHAPS ABROAD IN GENERAL, SUGGESTS THAT WE STRETCH OUR
EXISTING MECHANISMS TO COVER THIS NEED. GARDNER

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